Under Small Entity Status (New Non-Provisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

| Transmitted herewith is the patent application of <u>David Vanker and Thaddeus O. MacKrell</u> entitled <u>Method and System for Transferring Information Between Multiple Buyers and Multiple Sellers</u> , for a: | | | | |
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| () | Original Patent Application. | | | |
| (x) | Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned): (x) Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP) () Regular Filing of Provisional of prior application No. 10/050,615 filed January 16, 2002. which was a regular filing of provisional application Nos. 60/262,182 and 60/262,184, both filed January 17, 2001. (x) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 is enclosed. | | | |
| (x) | Applicants claims small entity status. | | | |
| Enclo | (x) Specification; 41 total pages (including title page) (x) Drawing(s); 9 total sheets (informal). () Oath or Declaration: () A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney: () Signed. () Unsigned. () Partially Signed. (x) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)). (x) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. () Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 1.63(d)(2)). () Power of Attorney. (x) Return receipt postcard. () Associate Power of Attorney. (x) A check in the amount of \$385 for the filing fee. () Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449. () A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed). () Preliminary Amendment (please enter before calculating the filing fee). (x) Other: Statement of Priority Claimed | | | |
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| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
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| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 | 0 | \$43.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Cla | ims (if applicable) | - | | \$ | 0.00 |
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| DAVID VANKER and THADDEUS O. MACKRELL | Examiner: | |
| Serial No. | | |
| Filed: March 26, 2004 | Group Art Unit: | |
| TITLE: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE BUYERS AND MULTIPLE SELLERS | | |

STATEMENT OF PRIORITY CLAIMED

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority to prior pending Application Serial No. 10/050,615 filed January 16, 2002, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING INVENTORY INFORMATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE BUYERS AND MULTIPLE SELLERS, which was a regular filing of (1) Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,184, filed on January 17, 2001, also entitled Method and System for Transferring Inventory Information Between MULTIPLE BUYERS AND MULTIPLE SELLERS, and (2) Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,182, filed on January 17, 2001, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING BLOOD-RELATED INFORMATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE BUYERS AND MULTIPLE SELLERS OF BLOOD.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants claim priority to prior pending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,184, filed on January 17, 2001, entitled Method and System for Transferring Inventory Information Between Multiple Buyers and Multiple Sellers, and also on prior pending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,182, filed on January 17, 2001, entitled Method and System for Transferring Blood-Related Information Between Multiple Buyers and Multiple Sellers of Blood.

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